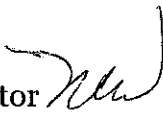


ADEQ Memorandum

Arizona Department
of Environmental Quality

Date: February 6, 2009
To: Stakeholders
From: Nancy C. Wrona, Director 
Air Quality Division
Subject Meeting on Area Designations Under the 2008 Revision to the Eight-Hour
Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard
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As many of you may know, the 2008 revision to the 8-hour average ozone national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) requires the Governor to submit to EPA by March 12, 2009, a recommendation designating areas of the State as being either attainment, nonattainment or unclassifiable (inadequate data to make a determination) based on measured ozone concentrations. The situation is relatively unchanged since the last designations done in 2003: violations of the new standard are measured in eastern Maricopa and northern Pinal counties (see the attached map) and the rest of the State is either attainment or unclassifiable.

ADEQ is in the process of developing recommended boundaries for the greater Phoenix nonattainment area according to the 9 factors outlined in the EPA guidance (attached.) These factors include the locations of violating monitors and sources contributing to nonattainment, meteorology, topography, traffic and commuting patterns, expected growth, existing emissions controls, and jurisdictional boundaries. The basis for the recommended nonattainment area boundaries will be documented in a technical support document (TSD), which will accompany the Governor's recommendation to EPA. We are in the process of updating our Web site to include the attachments to this E-mail and other relevant documents, including the draft TSD.

The importance of this recommendation demands that ADEQ consult with all affected parties. To that end, we are scheduling a general stakeholder meeting on February 12, 2009, at ADEQ starting at 1:30 p.m. in conference room 3175. At that meeting, we will discuss the data that will be used to conduct ADEQ's evaluation of appropriate nonattainment area boundaries, our overall approach to developing a recommendation, and to hear your concerns and desired outcomes.

We look forward to collaborating with you on this effort. If you have questions or need more information, please call Ira Domskey, Deputy Division Director or me at 602-771-2308.